# Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, MI
## December 29, 2024 – Lessons and Carols
## 1st Sunday of Christmas

*Worship Key*
*P: Pastor*
*A: Assisting Ministers*
***C: Congregation***

# LESSONS AND CAROLS

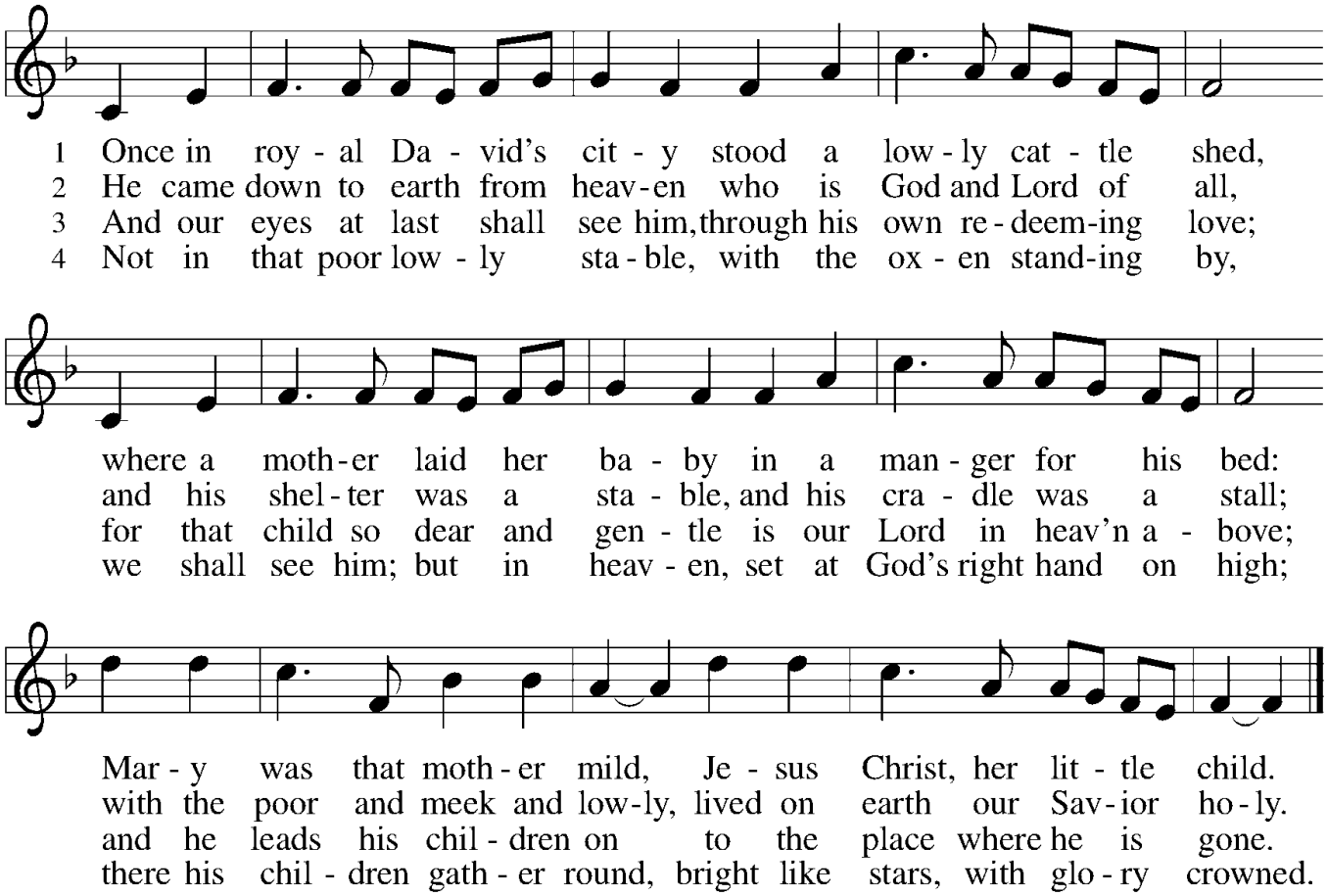
## PRELUDE

## DIALOGUE

P: Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world.
**C: By day and night he shines for all to see.**
P: Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty
**C: that the world may see the justice and richness of God.**
P: God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,
**C: so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.**
P: Jesus is the light of the world.
**C: Jesus is the light of our lives.**
P: Sing to God a new song!
**C: A song of hope, joy, and peace around the world.**

## GATHERING HYMN ELW 269

*"Once in Royal David's City" (v.1 Soloist, v.2-4 All)*


1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,
and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;
with the poor and meek and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;
for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;
and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
4 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,
we shall see him; but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;
there his chil - dren gath - er round, bright like stars, with glo - ry crowned.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895
Music: IRBY, Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876

## OPENING PRAYER

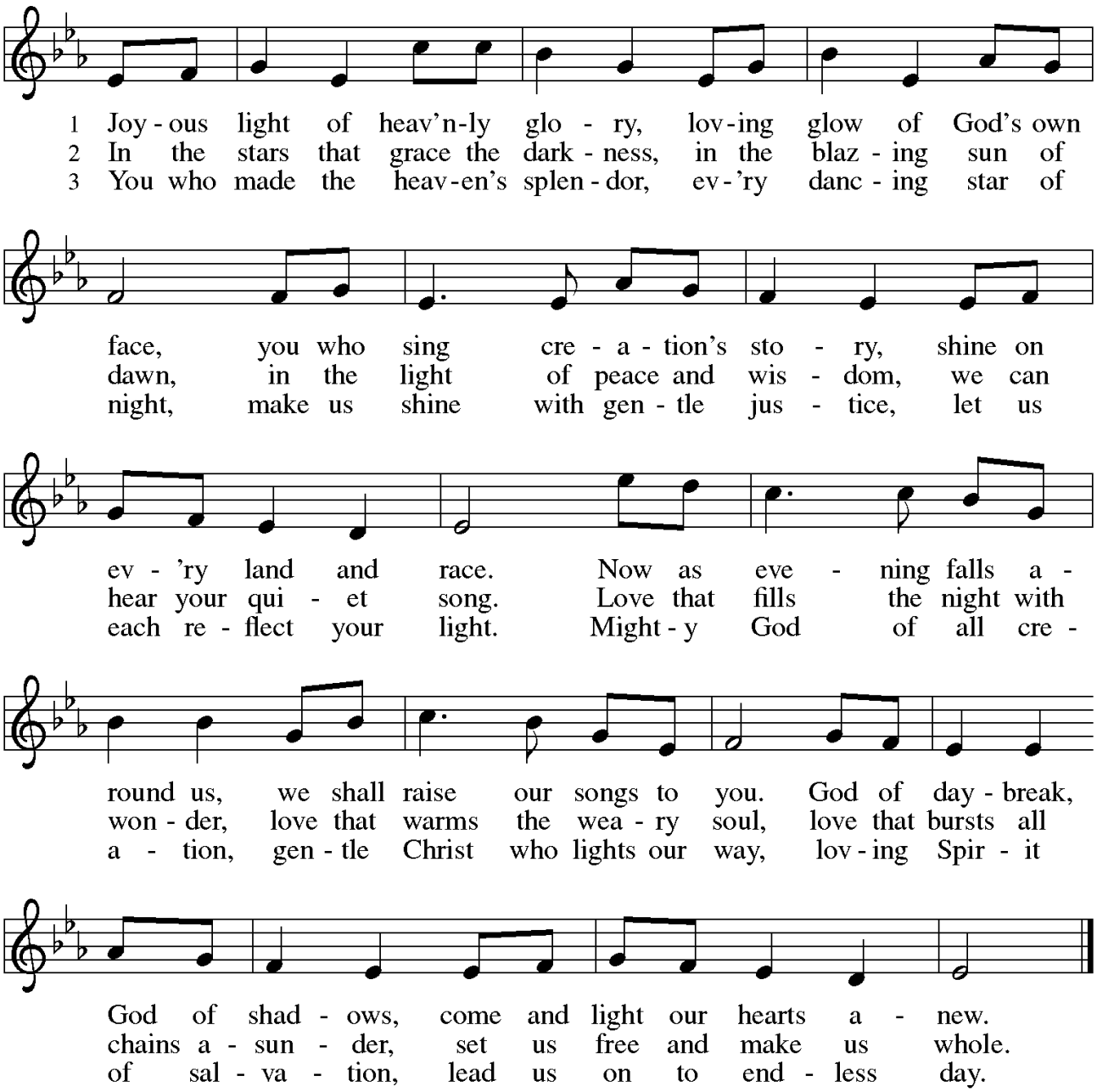
A: The Lord be with you.
**C: And also with you.**
A: Let us pray. Gracious God of heaven and earth,
you have thrown a lifeline to us in our darkness—
a beam of light that shines through Jesus.
Though born in a manger, he is the firstborn of all creation.
Though crucified on a cross, he is the Lord of life.
Fill us with the wonder and joy of his presence in the world
and in our hearts.
**C: Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5, 14-18

[1]In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, [2]the earth was
a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from
God swept over the face of the waters. [3]Then God said, "Let there be light";
and there was light. [4]And God saw that the light was good; and God separated
the light from the darkness. [5]God called the light Day, and the darkness he
called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

[14]And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day
from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and
years, [15]and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the
earth." And it was so. [16]God made the two great lights — the greater light to
rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. [17]God set
them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, [18]to rule over the day
and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw
that it was good.

## CAROL ELW 561

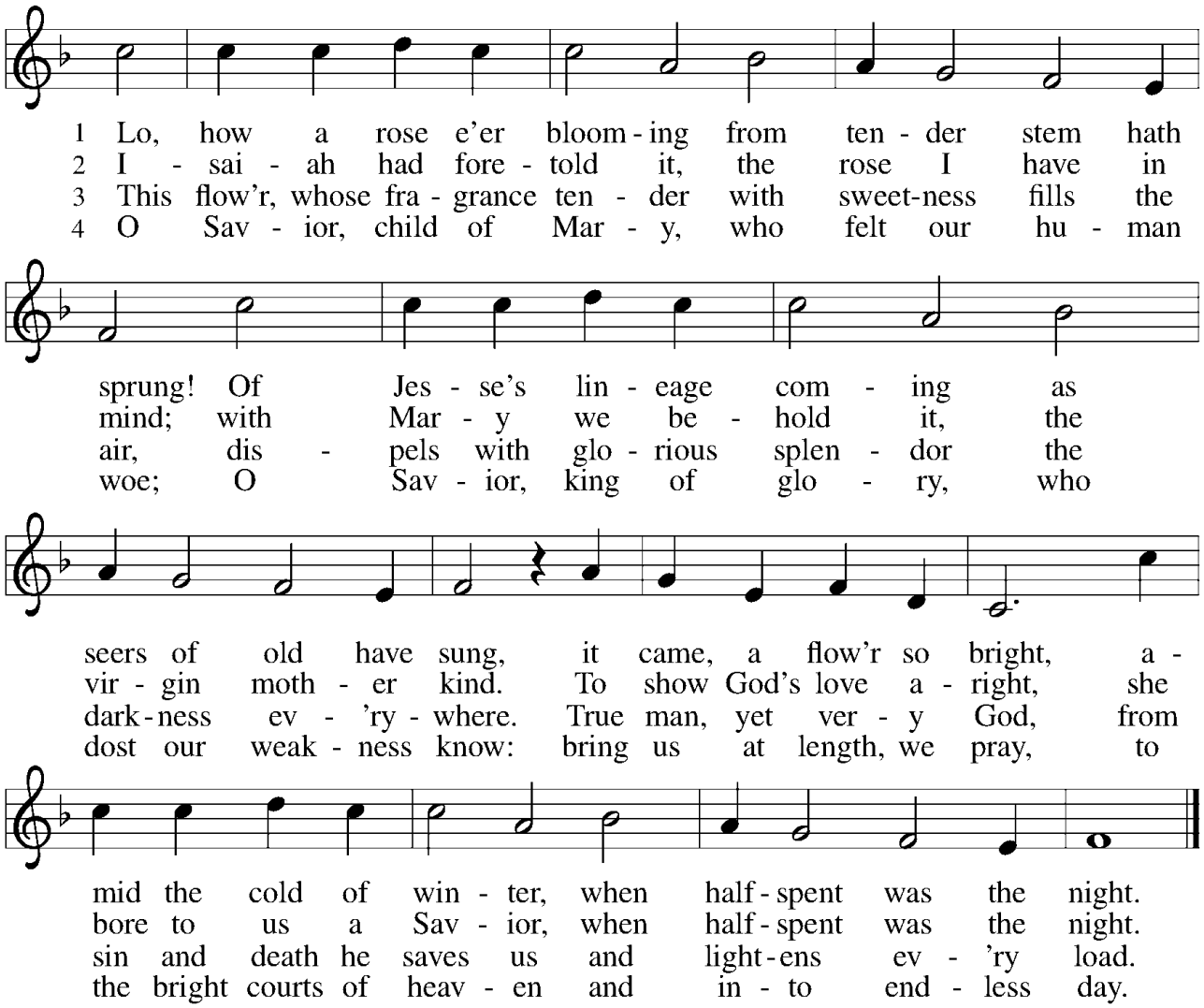
*"Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory"*

1 Joy - ous light of heav'n-ly glo - ry, lov-ing glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's sto - ry, shine on
2 In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and wis - dom, we can
3 You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle jus - tice, let us
ev - 'ry land and race. Now as eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to you. God of day - break,
hear your qui - et song. Love that fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry soul, love that bursts all
each re - flect your light. Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our way, lov - ing Spir - it
God of shad - ows, come and light our hearts a - new.
chains a - sun - der, set us free and make us whole.
of sal - va - tion, lead us on to end - less day.

## SECOND READING: Micah 5:2-5a

[2]But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.
[3]Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has
brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.
[4]And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;
[5]and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and
tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight
installed as rulers.

## CAROL ELW 272

*"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"*


1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath
2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in
3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the
4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man
sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as
mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the
air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the
woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who
seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -
vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she
dark - ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from
dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to
mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.
sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.
the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

Text: German carol, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, sts. 1–2; Harriet R. Krauth, 1845–1925, st. 3; John C. Mattes, 1876–1948, st. 4
Music: ES IST EIN ROS, *Alte catholische geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1599

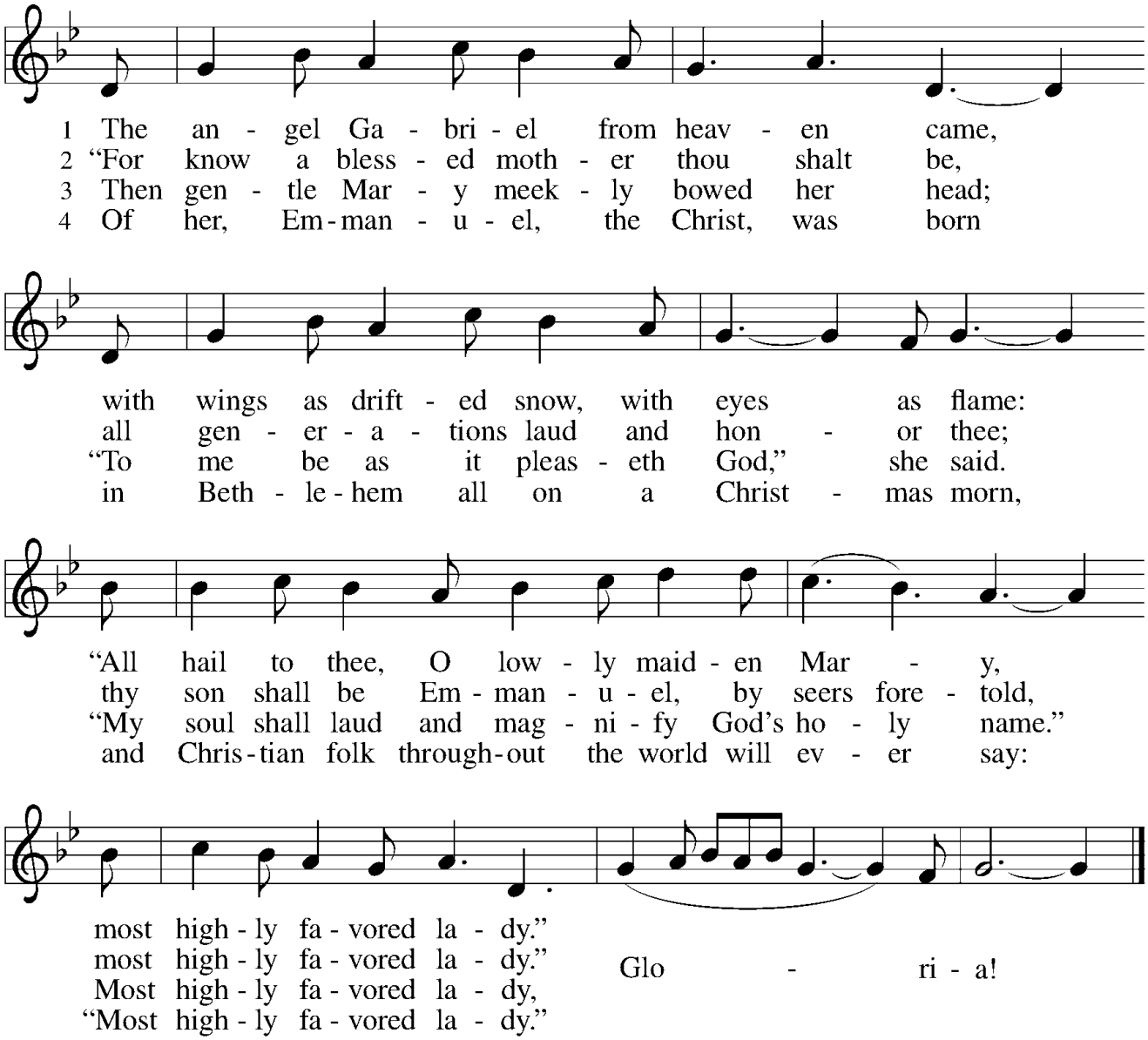
## THIRD READING: Luke 1:26-35, 38

[26]In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, [27]to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. [28]And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." [29]But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. [30]The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. [31]And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. [32]He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. [33]He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." [34]Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" [35]The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.

[38]Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

## CAROL ELW 265

*"The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"*


1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,
3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born
with wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;
"To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.
in Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,
"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
"My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."
and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:
most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."
most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,
"Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."
Glo - ri - a!

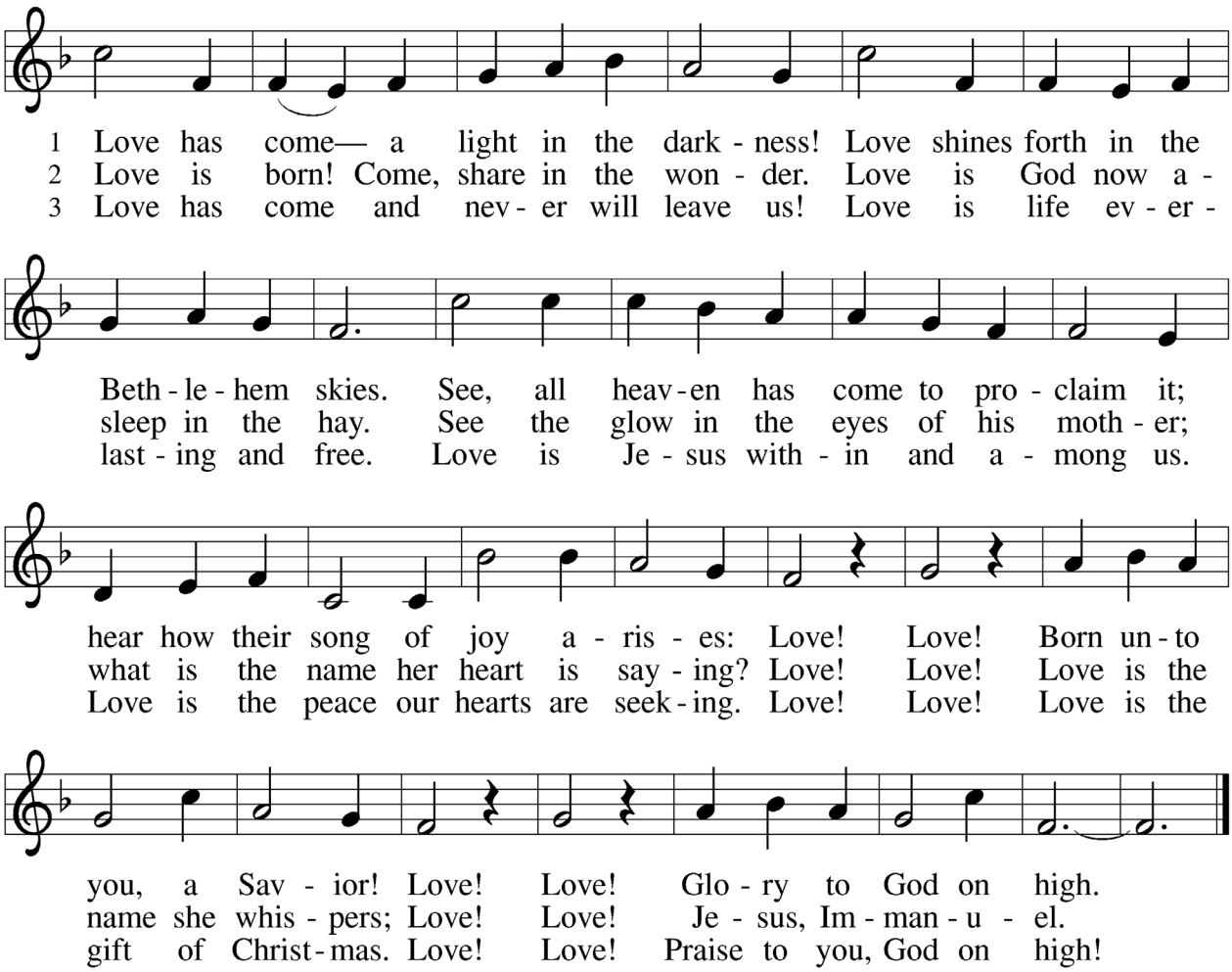
Text: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924
Music: GABRIEL'S MESSAGE, Basque carol

## FOURTH READING: Matthew 1:18-25

[18]Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother
Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was
found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. [19]Her husband Joseph, being a
righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to
dismiss her quietly. [20]But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the
Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be
afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the
Holy Spirit. [21]She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will
save his people from their sins." [22]All this took place to fulfill what had been
spoken by the Lord through the prophet:
[23]"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." [24]When
Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he
took her as his wife, [25]but had no marital relations with her until she had
borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

## CAROL ELW 292

*"Love Has Come"*


1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -
Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.
hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the
you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950
Music: UN FLAMBEAU, F. Seguin, *Recueil de noëls composés en langue provençale,* 1856
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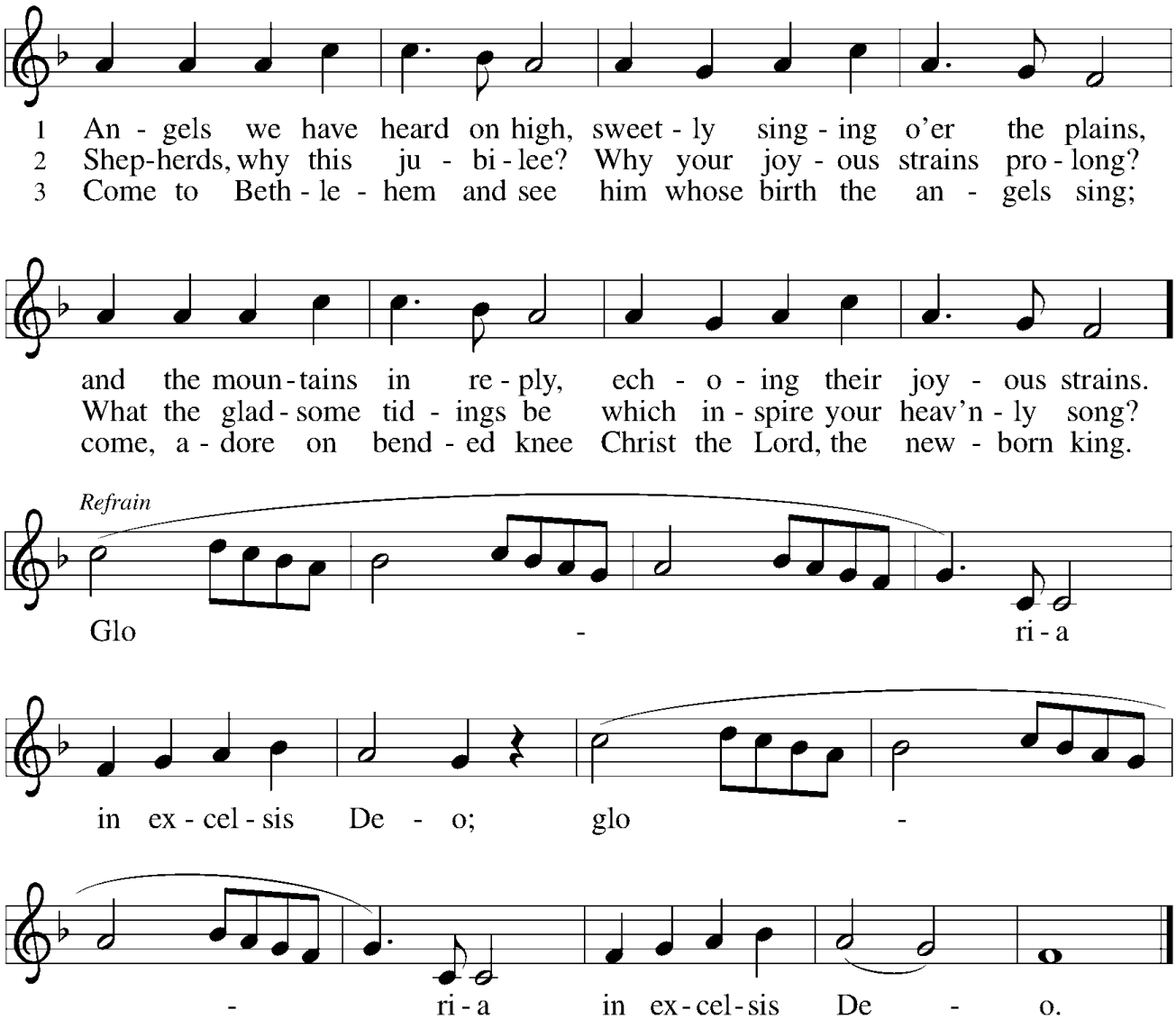
## FIFTH READING: Luke 2:8-20

8 In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over
their flock by night. 9 Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the
glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel
said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great
joy for all the people: 11 to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,
who is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign for you: you will find a child
wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was
with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,
14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to
one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken
place, which the Lord has made known to us." 16 So they went with haste and
found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. 17 When they saw
this, they made known what had been told them about this child; 18 and all
who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. 19 But Mary
treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds
returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had
been told them.

## CAROL ELW 289

*"Angels We Have Heard on High"*


1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.
Refrain
Glo - ri - a
in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo -
- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

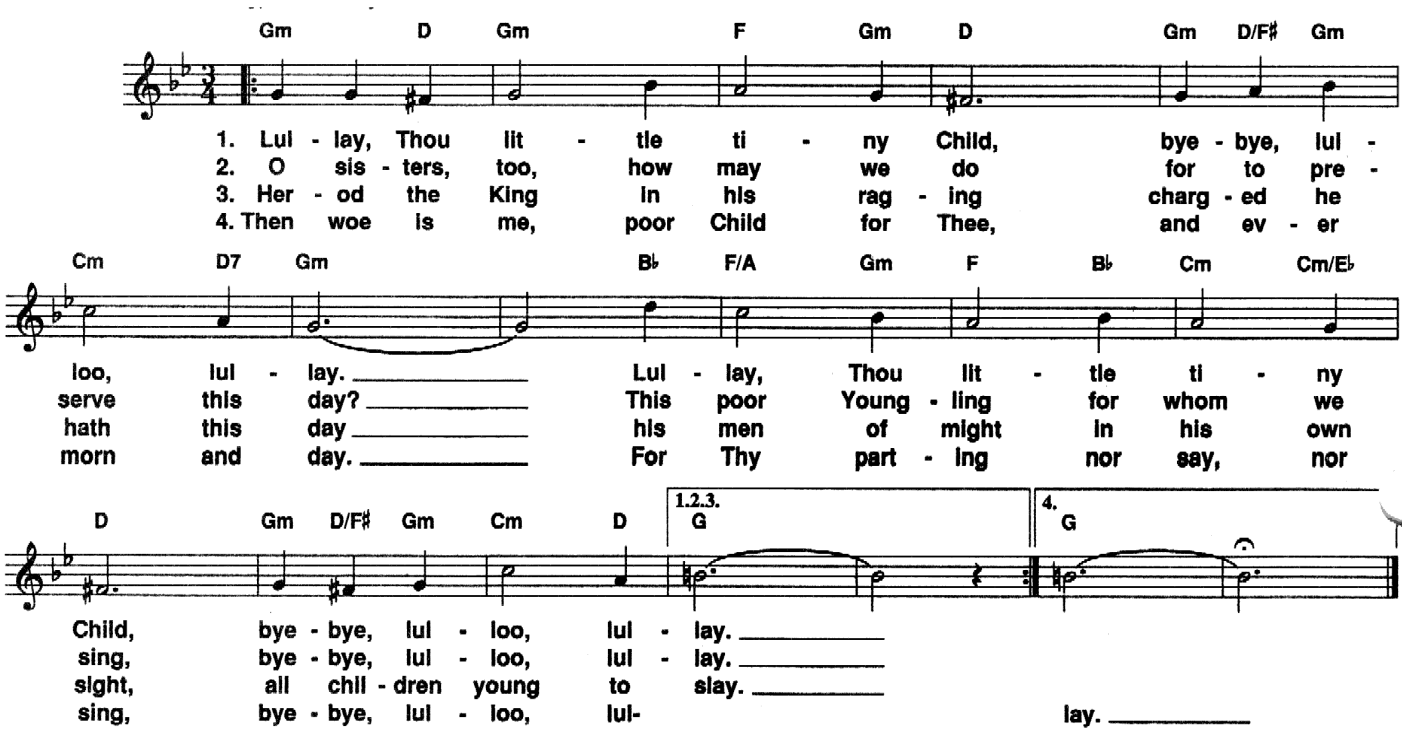
Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864
Music: GLORIA, French carol

## OFFERING

## SIXTH READING: Matthew 2:1-11

[1]In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise
men from the East came to Jerusalem, [2]asking, "Where is the child who has
been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have
come to pay him homage." [3]When King Herod heard this, he was frightened,
and all Jerusalem with him; [4]and calling together all the chief priests and
scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be
born. [5]They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the
prophet:
[6]'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"
[7]Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact
time when the star had appeared. [8]Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying,
"Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring
me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." [9]When they had heard
the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had
seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. [10]When
they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. [11]On
entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt
down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered
him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

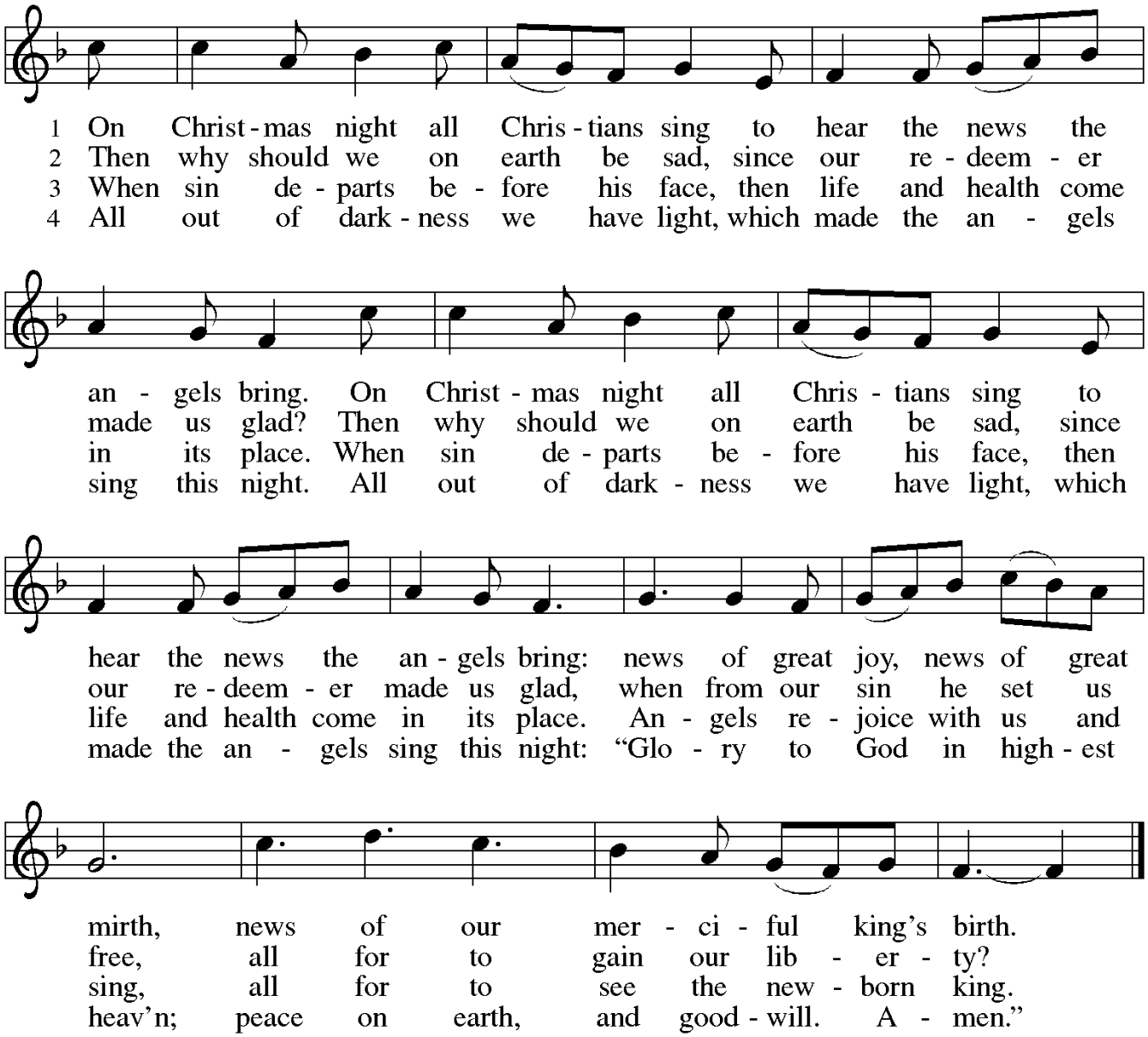
## CAROL *"The Coventry Carol"*


Gm D Gm F Gm D Gm D/F♯ Gm
1. Lul - lay, Thou lit - tle ti - ny Child, bye - bye, lul -
2. O sis - ters, too, how may we do for to pre -
3. Her - od the King in his rag - ing charg - ed he
4. Then woe is me, poor Child for Thee, and ev - er
Cm D7 Gm B♭ F/A Gm F B♭ Cm Cm/E♭
loo, lul - lay. Lul - lay, Thou lit - tle ti - ny
serve this day? This poor Young - ling for whom we
hath this day his men of might in his own
morn and day. For Thy part - ing nor say, nor
D Gm D/F♯ Gm Cm D 1.2.3. G 4. G
Child, bye - bye, lul - loo, lul - lay.
sing, bye - bye, lul - loo, lul - lay.
sight, all chil - dren young to slay.
sing, bye - bye, lul - loo, lul- lay.

## SEVENTH READING: John 1:1-14

[1]In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word
was God. [2]He was in the beginning with God. [3]All things came into being
through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come
into being [4]in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. [5]The light
shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.
[6]There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. [7]He came as a
witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. [8]He
himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. [9]The true light,
which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.
[10]He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the
world did not know him. [11]He came to what was his own, and his own people
did not accept him. [12]But to all who received him, who believed in his name,
he gave power to become children of God, [13]who were born, not of blood or
of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.
[14]And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory,
the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

## CAROL ELW 274

*"On Christmas Night"*

1 On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing to hear the news the
an - gels bring. On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing to
hear the news the an - gels bring: news of great joy, news of great
mirth, news of our mer - ci - ful king's birth.
2 Then why should we on earth be sad, since our re - deem - er
made us glad? Then why should we on earth be sad, since
our re - deem - er made us glad, when from our sin he set us
free, all for to gain our lib - er - ty?
3 When sin de - parts be - fore his face, then life and health come
in its place. When sin de - parts be - fore his face, then
life and health come in its place. An - gels re - joice with us and
sing, all for to see the new - born king.
4 All out of dark - ness we have light, which made the an - gels
sing this night. All out of dark - ness we have light, which
made the an - gels sing this night: "Glo - ry to God in high - est
heav'n; peace on earth, and good - will. A - men."

Text: Luke Wadding, d. 1686, alt.
Music: SUSSEX CAROL, English traditional

## RESPONSIVE PRAYER

A: It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth.
**C: Your Word, Jesus, is truth.**
A: In his light, draw all to the manger
**C: to gather in wonder with the shepherds.**
A: In his light, draw all to the manger
**C: to kneel in reverence with the wise ones.**
A: In his light, draw all to the manger
**C: to sing for joy with the angels.**
A: In the brightness of his life
**C: cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty, and hunger in the world.**
A: It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.
**C: In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: God of grace,
**C: receive our prayer.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

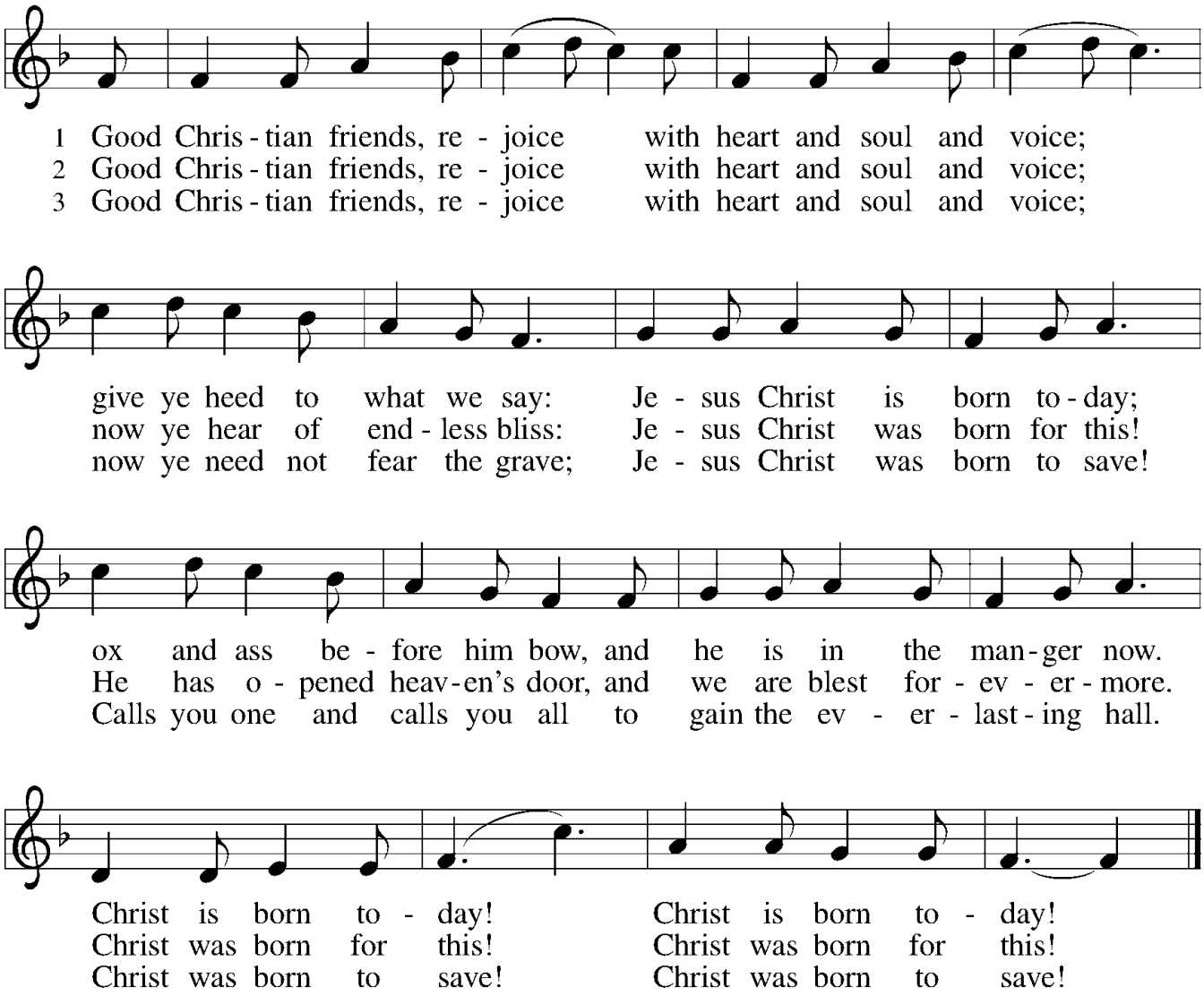
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,**
**hallowed be thy name,**
**thy kingdom come,**
**thy will be done,**
**on earth as it is in heaven.**
**Give us this day our daily bread;**
**and forgive us our trespasses,**
**as we forgive those**
**who trespass against us;**
**And lead us not into temptation,**
**but deliver us from evil.**
**For thine is the kingdom,**
**and the power, and the glory,**
**forever and ever. Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

A: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!
**C: Praise God, all creatures here below!**
A: You are the shepherds telling the story.
**C: We tell it in the streets and across the land.**
A: You are the wise ones worshiping with thanksgiving.
**C: We worship with gifts of song and service, talents and treasures.**
A: You are the angels announcing peace.
**C: We live with joy and go now in peace.**
A: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
**C: Amen.**

## SENDING CAROL – *"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"*


1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!
ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.
Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866
Music: IN DULCI JUBILO, German carol, 14th cent.

## DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *"Auld Lang Syne"*

Congregation Sing-Along

1. Should old acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind?
Should old acquaintance be forgot and days of Auld Lang Syne?

> *For Auld Lang Syne, my dear, for Auld Lang Syne - we'll take a cup of kindness yet, for Auld Lang Syne.*

2. And there's a hand, my trusty friend, and give me a hand o' thine.
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, for Auld Lang Syne.

> *For Auld Lang Syne, my dear, for Auld Lang Syne - we'll take a cup of kindness yet, for Auld Lang Syne.*

Text: Robert Burns (1788)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome! If this is your first time with us, please add your name and information to our Guest book located in the Narthex (Lobby), we would love to connect with you.**
*Hearing assistance devices and cushions are available in the back pew. Please help yourself!
*Children's bulletins available, please see an usher.
*Printed copies of the Newsletter are in the magazine holder in the Narthex.
**Christ in Our Home* devotionals (January - March) can be found in the Narthex.
*Hand Sanitizers can be found in the Narthex and hanging at the end of the pews.

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**Please remember to wear your Name Tag**
It's a help for visitors and folks you may not have seen for a while. If you need a new Name tag, please let Jennifer know.

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**2025 Altar Flower Sign-up**
The 2025 Altar flower sign-up has been put up on the bulletin board outside the office. Please sign-up for your date and turn in the form and monies in the offering plate or office mailbox. Thank you!

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**Food Pantry**
The Food Pantry schedule for New Year's week is Food delivery about 9:30am Thursday January 2 and Food distribution 3-5pm.

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**Ways to Give:** Giving can be done online by clicking here. Or mail checks to: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 201 N. River St., Ypsilanti, MI 48198.
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The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God.

**For those with young children:** Emmanuel's "Pray-Ground," located at the front of the church, was established as a positive, welcoming experience for children in church. Many churches have begun using this feature, which gives small children a space to squirm, quietly play with soft toys, books, and do arts and crafts. Parents may want to sit nearby to accompany children, but don't worry about noise—worship leaders have microphones! We encourage everyone with little ones to give this a try.

**Prayers requested for:** John, Cora, Mary, Corky, Lynn, Charlie, Judy, and Sharon.

**Assisting Ministers Needed!**

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**Serving in Worship:**

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